IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

BENJAMIN ANDREW SMILLIE CASE NO.: CL1504 US DIV

APPLICATION NO.: 09/655,106 GROUP ART UNIT: 1713

(OF PARENT) (OF PARENT)

FILED: JULY 18, 2003 EXAMINER: ROBERT D. HARLAN

(OF PARENT)

FOR: HEAT-SEALABLE POLYOLEFINS AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 6-10 and 16-20.

REMARKS

This is a divisional application in which claims 1-5 and 11-15 will be prosecuted. It is respectfully requested that the amendments above be entered before examination of the application.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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